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My name is Colin Davis. I am a Computer Science Student, in Amhest, Massachusetts.

I would like to start by saying I am very much against the Microsoft proposed settlement.

I am very concerned regarding the microsoft settlement. They ahve shown over and over that they are unscruplous, and will do whatever is necessary to make money, regardless of the legalities involved. They were proven guilty in the court of law. But this settlement does not punish them at all. It ASSISTS their position. It helps them to further entrench their monopoly.

I'm not sure what the right thing to do is. Im only a student. But I would like to go on record as saying I believe Microsoft should be forced to open their APIs. This was part of the proposed states settlement.

What this means is that Microsoft would have to document, and document properly, how to access any system call that their programs use. This would stop them from using their monopoly on the desktop to help their other programs, because Everyone would have equal access to the system calls.

Early in the history of Microsoft, Microsoft Office would run much faster than competing applications, because Microsoft used system calls that no-one else was told about. This would stop that, as well as allowing Linux, and Apple Imacs to run programs written for windows.

PLEASE, hoever, don't accept the proposed settlement. It only further extends their monopoly.....